

REMARKS

Claims 1-40 are pending. By this Amendment, Claims 5 and 8-20 are amended, Claims 22-40 are cancelled and Claims 41-59 are added, thereby leaving Claims 1-4, 6-7 and 21 unchanged. The Examiner indicated that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct inventions:

- I. Claims 1-21, drawn to a power tool and shield combination, classified in class 144, subclass 154.5;
- II. Claims 22-24, drawn to a shield combination, classified in class 81;
- III. Claims 25-32, drawn to a router tool with a depth adjustment combination, classified in class 144, subclass 136.95; and
- IV. Claims 33-40, drawn to a router tool with a handle having a grip combination, classified in class 81, subclass 489.

Applicant is required to elect a single invention. By this Amendment, Applicant respectfully elects, without traverse, Invention I relating to Claims 1-21 and cancels Claims 22-40 relating to Inventions II, III and IV without prejudice.

New dependent Claims 41-59 depend from elected independent claim I and are also elected in Invention I for further examination.

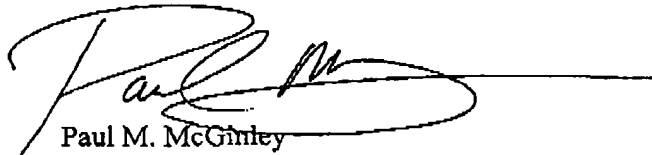
Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the non-elected Inventions II, III, IV and other aspects of the application in one or more divisional patent applications if the restriction requirement is upheld.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, examination of the current application on the merits are respectfully requested.

The undersigned is available for telephone consultation during normal business hours.

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